



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS Pastor
Candice Breaux Youth Group Minister
Betty Cain Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Jayne Jason Child Protection
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Lil Stutes Mother’s Day Out
Celeste Veillon Music Director

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Please call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

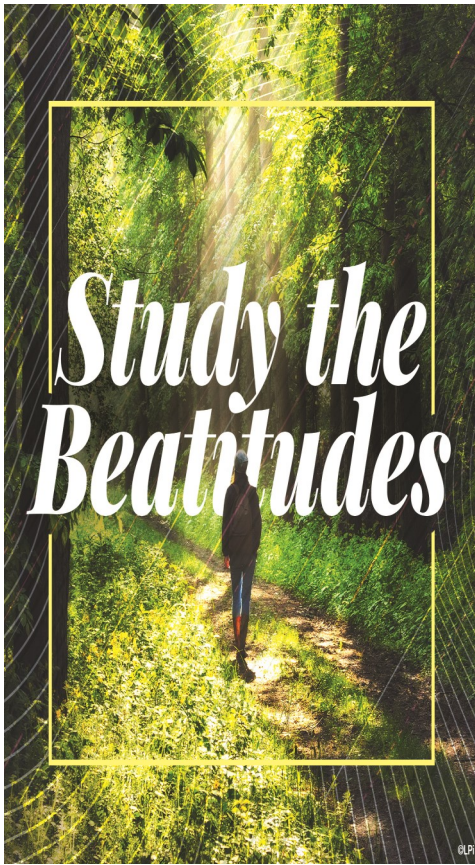
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

In the Beatitudes, Jesus offers a spiritual vision of true happiness. However, there is not an easy way to happiness; it goes beyond our common sense to God's sense of things. If we are governed merely by common sense, we can neither understand nor practice the Beatitudes. To understand the spiritual vision that Jesus offers, we must be governed by God's sense. People of all generations have found peace and consolation in the Sermon on the Mount. Mahatma Gandhi, the freedom fighter of India, drew inspiration from the Beatitudes for his concept of non-violence. Dr. Martin Luther King was convinced that it was the peace makers who deserve to be called the sons and daughters of God. He stood for the poor and the oppressed and taught them the virtue of forgiveness. Although there are eight beatitudes given by Jesus, they rest on two main pillars: **humility and mercy**.

Humility is to realize that we cannot go through life alone. There will be times when even our most trusted friends can't help us and we will need to rely upon God. The humble will always be meek and gentle, even towards those who are rough and tough, because their love for God makes them humble enough to love others. Their single mindedness in seeking and pleasing God makes them pure in heart. They accept their sorrow, poverty, hunger or any other pain in life, believing that they will be comforted by God. Even those materially rich, but poor in spirit, can be humble enough to accept others, can love others and can do everything that pleases the Lord.

Mercy is to give compassionate attention to others. It means a willingness to forgive those who offend us. It can also mean a willingness to support those struggling for justice and peace. Merciful people take the side of the oppressed and the poor. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Dooley enlisted in the Navy as a doctor. The big day of his life came one hot July afternoon off the coast of Vietnam: his ship rescued 1000 refugees who were drifting helplessly in an open boat. Many of the refugees were diseased and sick. Since Dr. Dooley was the only doctor on the ship, he had to tackle single-handedly the job of giving medical aid to those people. It was back breaking; but he discovered what a little medicine could do for these sick people. He said, "Hours later, I stopped a moment to straighten my shoulders and made another discovery, the biggest of my life! I was happy treating these people, happier than I was ever before." When Dr. Dooley's service in the navy was over, he went back to Asia to continue helping the poor people. Volunteers flocked to join him. Dr. Dooley's life is a beautiful example of the fulfillment of the Lord's blessing on the merciful.

The Beatitudes are the golden rules for happiness and holiness, and if followed, they can make one a saint. These rules help us to be converted and committed to a life of sanctity. The Ten Commandments alone are not the recipe for happiness. They are only the foundation for it. While the Commandments mostly tell us what to do and what not to do, the Beatitudes tell us what to do and what to become; these are the virtues leading to a blessed state. Let us pray for the grace to understand the Beatitudes well, and make them the guiding principles of our lives so that we can experience a blessed state in our own life, and be happy and help others to do the same.

God Bless You,

Fr. John

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF JESUS

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3-10

Lord Jesus Saves

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

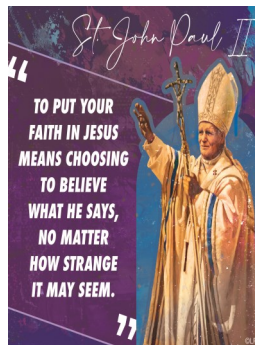
Religion Mass CHANGE to February 13th at 5:30pm for all K-8 students

Please drop off your child at 5:15pm in Church and pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church. All family members are welcome to attend! There will be NO religion classes for K-8 students on February 14th or 15th.

First Eucharist Meeting for Parent & Child at 5:30pm on February 16th in Church

Betty Cain will be leaving us as Bookkeeper at the end of the month. We are sorry to see her go! Please welcome Dana Thibodeaux Babin who will replace her in this position!

Can you put your faith in Jesus and follow him? Ordinary people serve God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you to a religious life, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



ANOINTING OF THE SICK
If you are infirmed and wish to be anointed, you may receive this blessing after 4:30pm Mass on February 11th.

**All Night Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, February 3rd at 8:00pm through
Saturday, February 4th at 8:00am
Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.
Please call Julie Millard, 776-4646 or Mary Benoit, 324-5289 for more information.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Cub Scout Pack 39 will have a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on February 5th in the Activity Center beginning at 6:00am.**
- ◆ **KCs Baby Bottle Campaign begins the weekend of February 4th & 5th. Please take a bottle from the back of Church and return it with your donation.**
- ◆ **Zipper sale dates in February are the 9th & 23rd beginning at 7:30am.**
- ◆ **Our Church Parish Lenten Mission will be held on February 27th & 28th, and March 1st at 6:00pm in Church.**



Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to Alivia Rose McKey and Daniel Mark Kirkland, who were married on January 20th!

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 2:00pm at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 2025 Stuart Avenue, Baton Rouge.

Bishop Duca will celebrate this Mass for the Anniversaries of 25, 50 and 65 years during the year of 2023.

To register, please contact Layne at the Church Office to complete the necessary form before February 1st.



Many thanks to Ruth Landry and her team for providing the Bereavement meals in January. Please call Geri & Bill Schneider, 749-3508, if you can help in February.

Many thanks to Mary Delapasse and her group for cleaning our Church during January. If you can assist Carolyn Bourgeois in February, please call her at 776-3325.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Deceased Members of the Comeaux, LeBlanc & Ocmand families.

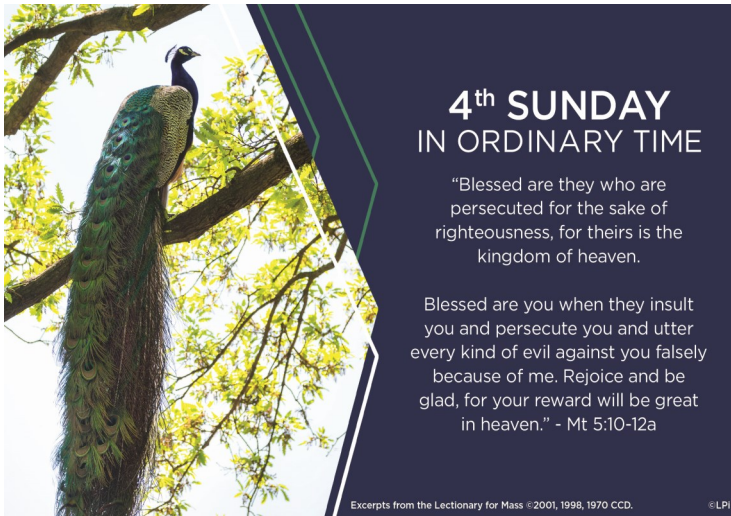
Stewardship of Finances January 15, 2023

200 Identified:	\$13,620.33
Loose Collection:	+757.00
Total Collection	\$14,377.33

January 22, 2023

127 Identified:	\$6,296.00
Loose Collection:	+457.00
Total Collection:	\$6,753.00

Church in Latin America Collection: \$804.00



**4th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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Readings for the week of January 29, 2023

- Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/ Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/ Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/ Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16



2023-2024 REGISTRATION DATES

- **January 31, 2023: Current MDO families**
 - **February 7, 2023: 9:00am-1:00pm, Activity Center, for St. John the Baptist parishioners**
 - **February 14, 2023: 9:00am-1:00pm, Activity Center, open registration to all**
 - **Ages accepted: 18 months by September 30, 2023 through PreK 4 year olds**
- Please contact Lil Stutes at 413-4527 with any questions.**



**For a Catholic School education for your child in our area, please contact:
Holy Family Catholic School in Port Allen at 344-4100
or
St. John Interparochial School in Plaquemine at 687-3056.**